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Johnson et al.

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For: **STORAGE DEVICES FOR BOATS**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application and that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 to indicate the documents have been considered.

Respectfully Submitted,

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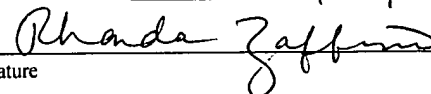


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